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REF: A. 77 STATE 288837, B. BUENOS AIRES 2677,
C. W.E. ESCOUBE (TREASURY DEPT) MEMO TO
R.C. GRAHAM OF 4/13/78 WITH ATTACHED
LETTER FROM MR. FRANKLIN COLE

1. ARGENTINE INFORMATION SERVICE CENTER'S LATEST
10,000 LIST CONTAINS FOLLOWING INFORMATION CON-
CERNING FIVE LABOR UNION LEADERS LISTED REFTEL A
AND MR. COLE'S LETTER:

A. RUBEN BECERRA: ARRESTED OCTOBER 1974; PLACED
UNDER PEN JUNE 17, 1976; VARIOUSLY LISTED AS BEING
IN PRISON IN RESISTENCIA AND RAWSON PRISON AND
TORTURED.

B. HORACIO SANTILLAN: THERE IS AN INDIVIDUAL LISTED
UNDER THIS NAME AS DISAPPEARED. THERE IS A REFERENCE
TO "A WORKER FROM SMATA" (AUTO UNION) BUT IT IS UNCLEAR
WHETHER THIS REFERENCE IS TO SANTILLAN OR AN INDIVI-
VIDUAL REPORTING ABOUT HIM.

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C. LUIS ARAOZ: THERE IS A HECTOR L. ARAOZ
REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED OCTOBER 9, 1974
AND IMPRISONED IN RAWSON.

D. O. PAVLOA: THERE IS AN INDIVIDUAL LISTED
UNDER THIS NAME AS HAVING BEEN ARRESTED DECEMBER

1974.

2. THE "LIGA ARGENTINA POR LOS DERECHOS DEL HOMBRE" HAS COMPILED AS OF MARCH 15, 1978, A PARTIAL LIST OF DETAINED AND DISAPPEARED WORKERS BY UNION (SEPTEL). THE LIGHT AND POWER SECTION CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. OSVALDO PAVIOL (REPEAT PAVIOL) DETAINED DECEMBER 19, 1974; CURRENTLY IN RAWSON PRISON.

B. RUBEN BECERRA: DETAINED OCTOBER 9, 1974; IN RAWSON.

C. HORACIO SANTILLAN: DETAINED NOVEMBER 8, 1974; CURRENTLY IN RESISTENCIA PRISON.

D. LUIS ARAOZ: DETAINED OCTOBER 7, 1974; CURRENTLY IN RAWSON.

E. ATENCIO TAURINO (REPEAT TAURINO): DETAINED OCTOBER 4, 1974; CURRENTLY IN RESISTENCIA.

3. THE RAWSON PEN LIST ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR MARCH 4, 1978 INCLUDES BECERRA AND ARAOZ. THE MINISTRY'S RESISTENCIA LIST WHICH WAS ISSUED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARCH 11, 1978 INCLUDES SANTILLAN.

4. WE ARE SEEKING OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION FROM ARGENTINE FOWG AND WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO JUDGE PROSPECTS FOR RIGHT OF OPTION WHEN THAT INFORMATION IS OBTAINED.

5. AS WE REPORTED REFTEL B, LIGHT AND POWER UNION REPRESENTATIVES IN BUENOS AIRES SO FAR HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY MORE THAN VERY VAGUE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DETENTION OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THIS REPORT.

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